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TREND: via **Dave Orrick** of the *Pioneer Press*, **VERBATIM:** ""There's a majority of registered voters in Minnesota today who believe that Democrats who stand as obstructionist to the president's agenda should be replaced in November."...If true, that's hardly a "blue wave" of anti-Trump sentiment....That statement, made Tuesday by a national Republican Party data guru, is the kind of phenomenon that gives Republicans measured hope — and is garnering Minnesota national attention — as November's midterm elections approach... Once the incontrovertible domain of Democrats in the Obama era, today Republicans say their data is second to none...Parnitzke and other national party officials were in St. Paul on Tuesday to make their case for why they're giving Minnesota — a traditionally reliable Democratic state — unprecedented attention...On Thursday, national Democratic officials will brief the media on their own strategies for the elections, which in Minnesota will feature both U.S. Senate seats, all eight U.S. House seats, and contests for open seats in the statewide offices of governor, attorney general and state auditor. Additionally, every state House seat will be on the ballot, as will the statewide offices of lieutenant governor and secretary of state." **READ:**

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DEBATES: via *MinnPost's Peter Calaghan*, **VERBATIM:** "Call it the debate debates...As a general rule, political candidates who are ahead (or think they're ahead) don't want to debate. While engaging with a rival has the potential of boosting a front-runner's standing, it can also provide an opportunity for a trailing candidate to be heard and seen and take the leader down a bit. Being aggressive is the best way for the underdog to accomplish all three — so a leading candidate usually avoids such settings...Candidates who are behind want to debate for all the reasons above. And they use a public expectation that debates are a traditional feature of campaigns to try to entice or cajole the opponent into a face-to-face confrontation. It is not uncommon for trailing campaigns to hire a guy in a chicken suit to troll the front-runner's public appearances...Avoiding joint appearances, therefore, isn't good politics. Making them few and obscure at least provides deniability." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2A8wfsI>

TMRW: via news advisory, from 7:30- 9 PM **VERBATIM:** "Minnesota gubernatorial candidate forum co-sponsored by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, Greater Mankato Growth and the Greater Minnesota Partnership, and moderated by Marvin Rhodes, general manager of KEYC News 12. The event, which is free and open to the public, will focus on issues important to Greater Minnesota. WHO: Confirmed participants are **Jeff Johnson** (GOP), **Erin Murphy** (DFL), **Lori Swanson** (DFL) and **Tim Walz** (DFL). Candidate **Tim Pawlenty** (GOP) declined our invitation."

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PILLOWFIGHT?: via the **Jeff Johnson** campaign this morning, **VERBATIM:** "There are many reasons I'm proud to have the support and endorsement of **Mike Lindell**...Mike is an innovator, a fearless entrepreneur and has an absolutely AMAZING life story...He has risen from a past of drug addiction to become a leading businessman and a personal friend of President Trump. His rags-to-riches story was sparked by his strong faith and today he is driven to help those with addiction by approaching it in new and groundbreaking ways. It's a passion we share...There's no doubt Mike is inspiring and a TRUE Minnesota original!..Please click below and take a minute to hear his message." **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2uPubQL>

SWANSON: via **Briana Bierschbach** of *MPR*, **VERBATIM:** "It was a similar last-minute entrance into a three-way DFL primary for attorney general that launched **Swanson's** political career more than a decade ago. Since then, she has quietly built a statewide profile as Minnesota's chief consumer protection advocate, taking on big companies in court for allegedly ripping off the little guys...It's this carefully constructed public profile that's already become an asset to her in a DFL primary for governor, with the two other top candidates, U.S. Rep. **Tim Walz** and state Rep. **Erin Murphy**, just now introducing themselves to a statewide audience. Swanson's and Walz's internal polling show Swanson is leading in the race... But little else is known of Swanson, an atypically private politician who runs a tightly-controlled office and makes few public appearances. When sexual harassment allegations emerged this month against a former staffer in the office of her running mate, Rick Nolan, the hashtag #WhereIsLori cropped up on social media after more than 24 hours without a response." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2mKtIL3>

RAPE: via *WCCO Radio*, **VERBATIM:** "The Minneapolis Star Tribune's special report this week on systemic problems in sexual assault investigations has gotten the attention of Minnesota's Attorney General **Lori Swanson**...Swanson is now convening a sex assault investigative task force with a goal to make recommendations for changes in state law before the next legislative session.

SWANSON: "Victims of sexual assault deserve justice, and these cases deserve thorough and proper investigation and prosecution by the criminal justice system," said Swanson...Minnesota has no mandated training or official policy for investigating sexual assault cases."

NOLAN: via *WDIO*, **VERBATIM:** Seven male DFL elected officials in Duluth are calling on U.S. Rep. **Rick Nolan** to resign from Congress over his response to allegations of sexual harassment by an aide...The group issued a statement Tuesday afternoon saying that Nolan should have immediately dismissed Jim Swiderski in 2015, rather than allow him resign and then work as an independent contractor for his campaign. Several women who say they were harassed by Swiderski came forward last week.

QUOTE: "We believe that sexual harassment and misconduct is never acceptable, that dismissal should be immediate for men who participate in this behavior such as Rep. Nolan's former legislative director, and that all people deserve respect in the workplace. We are disappointed by Congressman Nolan's disregard for women who experienced sexual harassment in his workplace," the group wrote. **WATCH/LISTEN:** <http://bit.ly/2NJmqe>

TAKE: It's challenging to see how much traction the MinnPost story about Nolan's handling of harassment in his office and campaign are getting among DFL primary voters. That said, the day-after-day calls for him to resign, especially in the perceived stronghold of northeastern Minnesota are clearly a distraction and will impact Swanson-Nolan momentum. Overnight, morning take received another allegation against Nolan's campaign from 2016 and the DFL by Christopher Horoshak. The story may live another day. The real question remains is how much attention are primary DFL voters paying and will it change their vote.

MURPHY: The Murphy campaign released a video that garnered nearly 9,000 views on Twitter and 22,000 views on Facebook in the first day. **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2Of646c>

CD3: Here's the digital ad that House Majority PAC is running against Rep. **Erik Paulsen**. **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2Od7m9p>

DEVICETAX: via news release from Rep. **Erik Paulsen's** official office **VERBATIM:** "The House of Representatives today approved bipartisan legislation authored by Rep. **Erik Paulsen** (MN-03) that permanently repeals the Affordable Care Act's excise tax on medical devices. The bill, called the Protect Medical Innovation Act, was passed by a vote of 283-132, including 57 Democrat supporters. **PAULSEN:** "Minnesota's innovators can breathe easier since we're one step closer to ending the medical device tax for good," said Congressman Paulsen. "Today's vote shows strong bipartisan support for lifting this burden on innovators in an industry so important to Minnesota. I'm more optimistic than ever we'll be successful in giving these job creators the certainty and predictability they need to thrive."...Minnesota has one of the nation's largest medical device sectors and has been disproportionately harmed by the tax. More than 35,000 Minnesotans at more than 700 different companies are employed by the medical device sector. Eighty percent of medical device companies have less than 50 employees and 93 percent have less than 500 employees.

PAINTER: via news release, **VERBATIM:** "In an unprecedented display of transparency, **Richard Painter** has scheduled an all-day Facebook Live and Twitter Live Q & A for Sunday, July 29. Richard will be taking questions from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ..Painter's announcement comes in the wake of sitting Senator Tina Smith's public rebukes of Painter's requests to debate. Smith doesn't feel the need to discuss and defend her controversial and unpopular positions like the "Smith Amendment" to fast track the PolyMet land swap, or her millions of dollars in medical device stock, that make her the most conflicted U.S. Senator on the issue of health care...We encourage anyone with questions for Richard to participate in this eight hour event, which will be streamed from the Painter for Minnesota Facebook and Twitter accounts."

MINING: via **Jimmy Lovrien** of the *Duluth News Tribune*, **VERBATIM:** "An amendment meant to expedite the land exchange between PolyMet Mining Co. and the U.S. Forest Service was dropped Monday from the National Defense Authorization Act...The amendment would have reaffirmed the land swap deal that closed on June 28, with the company transferring nearly 6,900 acres of private land within the Superior National Forest boundary to the Forest Service in exchange for 6,500 acres at the mine site north of Hoyt Lakes, also nullifying four lawsuits against the deal pending in federal court." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2mKsXlb>

HOUSLEY: via statement from US Sen. Candidate **Karin Housley**, **VERBATIM:**

"I'm extremely disappointed the PolyMet land swap agreement was not included in the final defense spending bill. With the economic viability of real communities and the livelihoods of real people on the line, Tina Smith simply could not deliver. After years of obstructing the process as lieutenant governor and chief of staff, Tina Smith brought a sense of false hope to the region that she could get this done – despite her Democratic leadership never being on board. These thinly-veiled attempts at political pandering ended in failure, and it's the people of northern Minnesota who will pay the price. I've supported PolyMet from the beginning, and as a U.S. Senator, it will be my top priority to get it across the finish line."

PAINTER: via statement from DFL candidate for US Senate **Richard Painter**, **VERBATIM:** "This is a victory for the Country, for Minnesota, and for every citizen who wants to preserve our forests and waterways. I am happy that a member of the Conference Committee described the Smith Amendment for what it was, "a toxic environmental rider" designed to "supersede longstanding federal land management and environmental policy, including weakening of the Endangered Species Act and shortening environmental review for new mining projects...I am disappointed that this deal with its obvious dangers and environmental ramifications came so close to becoming reality, and I remain concerned that politicians beholden to foreign mining companies will seek to revive it. I am also critical of the politics that allowed foreign corporations such as Glencore to buy influence with politicians in exchange for weakening the checks and balances put in place to protect our environment. And it is a shame that the interests of Minnesotans could not be protected by our own representatives in Congress, but that we instead had to rely on representatives from other states to protect our waterways."

CORRECTIONS: via *KSTP*, **VERBATIM:** "Gov. **Mark Dayton** said he has full support from the head of the Department of Corrections following the deadly attack on Officer Joseph Gomm last week in Stillwater...However, he admits that every aspect of the operation must be reviewed... When asked about his confidence in Department of Corrections Commission Tom Roy, Dayton did not waver in his support. **DAYTON:** "I do have confidence in him," he said. "I think he has a very difficult job. The understaffing in our prisons has been known, it's been brought forward by him to the legislature repeatedly in the last few years." **READ/WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2OfvzEr>

NORM: via *Politico*, **VERBATIM:** "Hogan Lovells saw its lobbying revenue surge to \$4 million because of a single mammoth contract with ZTE, the Chinese telecommunications company. The Commerce Department in April banned ZTE from importing American goods after ZTE violated a settlement with the U.S. government that was reached last year in retaliation for ZTE's violation of U.S. sanctions on Iran and North Korea. ZTE hired a squadron of Hogan Lovells lobbyists, including former Sen. **Norm Coleman** (R-Minn.), two days later, according to disclosure filings. ZTE paid Hogan Lovells nearly \$1.3 million for 2 1/2 months of work. The effort appears to have worked: The Commerce Department said in June that it would lift the ban in exchange for ZTE paying a \$1 billion fine and other concessions."

HOUSING: The *Star Tribune* covers a hearing that would raise rental license fees in Minneapolis. **READ:** <http://strib.mn/2A9GKvi>

PLAN:: via Minnesota Multi-Housing Association, **VERBATIM:** "The Minnesota Multi-Housing Association is introducing a framework to preserve and develop affordable rental housing throughout Minnesota...the organization released strategies that will be key to reaching those optimistic, yet achievable goals. These strategies are meant as a framework for a discussion to improve affordable housing in Minnesota. The framework has three key goals:

1. Protecting Residents
2. Preserving Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH)

3. Producing More Multifamily Housing.

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SAFETY: Line 3 Replacement is a safety and maintenance-driven project. Jon, a safety training consultant, talks about Enbridge's strong safety culture. **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2IMzBJp>

JOBS: From Alexandre Tanzi via *Bloomberg*, **VERBATIM:** "The U.S. states with the greatest job opportunities since President Donald Trump took office last year are in the South and west of the Mississippi River, with Georgia No. 1 and Colorado No. 2. Rounding out the top 10 are Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Tennessee, New Mexico, Texas, Massachusetts and Minnesota . . . Massachusetts and Colorado tied for No. 1 in growth in labor force participation. Colorado rose from 65.5 percent in January 2017 to 67 percent last month. Massachusetts rose to 64.5 percent from 63 percent. North Dakota and Minnesota led all states at 68.9 percent and 68.4 percent, respectively. The lowest is West Virginia where just slightly more than half the population is employed." **READ:** <https://yhoo.it/2OgzVuK>

FEDERATED: From Tim Krohn via *Mankato Free Press*, **VERBATIM:** "**Federated Insurance** is opening a large office in Mankato that they expect to have staffed with about 200 employees over the next couple of years. It is the first entrant of the insurance industry — beyond individual agents — in the Mankato market. **Julie Rethemeier**, vice president and director of public affairs for Federated, said the company is still analyzing sites for the new office and whether to purchase or lease space. Based in Owatonna, this will be the ninth remote office location for Federated. She said the office will have a property and casualty services team and an underwriting processing team." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2LLNPDJ>

INSIGHT: Via *Center for Rural Policy and Development*, **VERBATIM:** "For most parts of the state, the coming workforce squeeze is already here. A smaller pool of workers means businesses—and communities—will be competing for their attention. Communities around Minnesota are starting to work on how to make their towns the places people want to move to. But part of making a community a great place to live involves not just cosmetic improvements but also deep infrastructure upgrades as well: updated broadband, water and sewer, expanded public transit, and more accessible health care . . . So how does a rural community compete against big population centers? Cities around the state are working on just this question." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2fbkZw7> (**SPONSORED:** by [Center for Rural Policy and Development](#))

BWCAW: From Jimmy Lovrien via *Duluth News Tribune*, **VERBATIM:** "Although **Susan Schurke** never got to tell President Donald Trump in person just how important the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness was to her business — and why he should oppose copper-nickel mining in the area — she managed to express it in front of a nationwide audience Monday. Schurke, owner of **Wintergreen Northern Wear** in Ely, was invited by the Trump Administration to represent Minnesota in Monday's Made in

America event at the White House. Along with her husband Paul, Susan Schurke had planned to confront Trump about the issue, but the president only spoke to Made in America attendees as a group and the Schurkes didn't have a chance . . . But the Made in America event wasn't without quiet protest from the couple. In a booth displaying Wintergreen's outdoor apparel, a sign bearing the American flag proclaimed 'America's Public Lands Build Business!' to anyone passing by. That included Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross and Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta, who politely listened to the couple's concerns and posed for photos with them — the public lands sign included in each frame, Paul Schurke said." **READ/PHOTO:** <http://bit.ly/2NGEeOS>

3M: Via *Associated Press*, **VERBATIM:** "3M Co. (MMM) on Tuesday reported second-quarter earnings of \$1.86 billion. On a per-share basis, the St Paul, Minnesota-based company said it had profit of \$3.07. Earnings, adjusted for non-recurring gains, were \$2.59 per share. The results met Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of four analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was also for earnings of \$2.59 per share. The maker of Post-it notes, industrial coatings and ceramics posted revenue of \$8.39 billion in the period, which beat Street forecasts. Three analysts surveyed by Zacks expected \$8.32 billion." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2uL5nt8>

MORE: From Camilla Hodgson via *Financial Times*, **VERBATIM:** "However, for the second time this year 3M revised down adjusted earnings guidance for the year to between \$10.20 to \$10.45 per share, as a result of actions related to the sale of the majority of its communications markets business, changes to the US tax code and a charge related to a legal case, it said. In April the group had lowered earnings guidance to be between \$10.20 to \$10.55 per share, prompting shares to fall by almost 9 per cent to a near-year low. This estimate had factored in tax and legal costs but not those relating to the communications business sale, the company said on Tuesday." **READ:** <https://on.ft.com/2OchffO>

HECKER: From Randy Meier via *KMSP-TV*, **VERBATIM:** "After spending more than seven years in federal custody for committing bankruptcy and wire fraud, former Minnesota car dealer **Denny Hecker** is a free man. The 66-year-old was released earlier this month. In an exclusive interview, Fox 9's Randy Meier sat down with Hecker to discuss the decisions that led to his imprisonment and what he learned while serving his sentence." **HECKER:** "I got trapped in a deal where I was outsmarted. The circumstances of the deal were more difficult than I was. So, I wouldn't say so dumb. Bad choices. A lot of good choices, but bad choices, bad decisions and not having any break with the economy didn't help at all." **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2uO8P6h>

MORE: In the second part of the series, Hecker talks about life in prison, why he was moved around so much, and about the impact on his family. **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2Oc62M8>

SECURITY: Via *Code42*, **VERBATIM:** "We're thrilled to announce the release of our Data Exposure Report. It reveals some startling truths about how human behavior drives data security vulnerabilities, despite the billions companies spend on data loss prevention. IT leaders and CISOs will find some of their suspicions validated by the findings, particularly that CEOs are among the worst offenders at violating data security policy. But many of the disconnects we found between current data security strategies and the reality of the threat landscape will be surprising and sobering: Almost three-quarters (72 percent) of CEOs admit they've taken valuable intellectual property from a former employer. Yet 78 percent of CEOs agree that ideas, in the form of IP, are still the most precious asset in the enterprise." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2LHjS7I>

SOLAR: From Frank Jossi via *Energy News Network*, **VERBATIM:** "A Canadian company is restarting production in a once shuttered northern Minnesota solar panel manufacturing plant. Ontario-based Heliene, Inc. has begun operations in a 25,000-square-foot factory in Mountain Iron, a city of nearly 3,000 people on Minnesota's Iron Range, and it plans to hire 130 employees by September. The plant was previously occupied by the solar company Silicon Energy and will be retooled with the help of a \$3.5 million state loan package. That local subsidy played a bigger role in its reopening than the Trump administration's solar tariffs,

which have a mixed effect.” **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2OckDm4>

via HEALTH TAKE: Tuesdays and Thursday's we provide a deeper look at Minnesota's health care systems and businesses. If you know someone who follows health care, forward them this sign up. **SIGNUP:** <http://bit.ly/healthtake>

11SECONDS: From Susan Perry via *MinnPost*, **VERBATIM:** “Do you feel like your doctor doesn’t listen to you? Well, you may be right. Doctors give patients an average of only about 11 seconds to describe their symptoms or reasons for seeking medical care before interrupting them, according to a study published this month in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. The study also found that only about one in three doctors gives their patients any opportunity to explain their medical concerns at the start of a consultation. ‘If done respectfully and with the patient’s best interest in mind, interruptions to the patient’s discourse may clarify or focus the conversation, and thus benefit patients,’ says Naykky Singh Ospina, the study’s lead author and an endocrinologist at the **Mayo Clinic** and the University of Florida, in a released statement. ‘Yet, it seems rather unlikely that an interruption, even to clarify or focus, could be beneficial at the early stage in the encounter.’ ‘Our results suggest that we are far from achieving patient-centered care,’ she adds.” **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2OeB9ql> (**SPONSORED:** [UCare](#))

ALZHEIMER’S: From Ian Roth via *Mayo Clinic News Network*, **VERBATIM:** “With roughly 1 in 10 Americans over 65 living with Alzheimer’s, any progress in the effort to fight the disease would be a welcome advancement for millions of people. Experts at **Mayo Clinic** are cautiously optimistic that a new antibody known as BAN2401 will continue to show an ability to delay progression of Alzheimer’s reducing amyloid accumulation in the brain as it has during early-phase clinical trials. ‘It’s the most costly disease to our society right now,’ says Dr. Ronald Petersen, director of the Mayo Clinic Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center. ‘It exceeds cancer. It exceeds heart disease with regards to costs to society.’ That’s why Dr. Petersen is hopeful BAN2401 will live up to its early promise after so many other attempts at effective Alzheimer’s treatments have failed.” **WATCH:** <https://mayocl.in/2LM1YAL>

PREMIUMS: From Sam Baker via *Axios*, **VERBATIM:** “Premiums for health insurance sold through the Affordable Care Act simply aren’t rising next year by quite the dramatic margins many experts had anticipated. Pennsylvania is the latest to report its initial rates. Insurers there are seeking an average premium hike of less than 1%. No insurers left the state, and one new one is planning to enter. That follows a handful of similar reports. California reported an average 9% increase statewide. Insurers in Minnesota are looking to cut their rates. Why it matters: These numbers are a sign that insurers basically accounted for a lot of their political problems — especially the nullification of the ACA’s individual mandate — when they set their rates for this year.” **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2LLnHIY>

POLL: From Michael C. Bender via *The Wall Street Journal*, **VERBATIM:** “As the Senate nears debate on a new Supreme Court nominee who could give the panel a conservative edge, a majority of voters say they are increasingly opposed to undermining a woman’s right to have an abortion and are becoming more likely to say they support abortion-rights candidates, a new poll shows. According to a Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll, Mr. Trump’s latest pick for the High Court, Brett Kavanaugh, enters confirmation proceedings with support from 32% of voters, compared with 26% opposed. Another 41% said they don’t have enough information yet.” **READ:** <https://on.wsj.com/2LMliOn>

PRICES/OPIOIDS: From Sarah Karlin-Smith and Brianna Ehley via *Politico*, **VERBATIM:** “Only about one in four — 27 percent — adults say they have heard or read about Trump’s prescription drug plan, a new POLITICO-Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health poll found. Of that group, just 37 percent believe it will lower the prices Medicare pays for prescription drugs while 42 percent think it will accomplish the task for the country overall. On another high-profile health challenge, Americans think the Trump administration needs to spend more money to help people with opioid addiction. Thirty-nine percent of respondents say they think

federal spending on addiction treatment is too low, with Democrats even more likely to say that the government isn't spending enough." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2NC2XUw>

OPIOIDS: From Jennifer Haberkorn and Brianna Ehley via *Politico*, **VERBATIM:** "The Senate is increasingly unlikely to vote on sweeping opioid legislation by Labor Day, potentially depriving Democrats in some hard-hit states of a vote on a bill before going home to voters. The looming fight over the nomination of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh combined with negotiations over what gets into the bill are threatening to delay a vote on the bipartisan response to the crisis, which Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said was among his priorities after scrapping August recess. A final agreement may have to wait for a post-election lame-duck session. Any Senate-passed plan would have to be reconciled with House legislation that combined more than 50 bills addressing aspects of the crisis." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2LKVTVa>

GRANT: Via *UCare*, **VERBATIM:** "A grant from **UCare** will enable Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) to embed licensed drug and alcohol counselors in the Emergency Department to help assess UCare members for treatment with a highly effective addiction medication, and to connect these patients to community providers for ongoing medication treatment. These initiatives will benefit the community by providing cost-effective and research-based early medical response and long-term social support services to help opioid users conquer their addictions." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2EsowUd> (**SPONSORED:** [UCare](#))

TOMORROW: Via *Bipartisan Policy Center*, an event at the National Press Club in Washington, DC entitled: "The Future of Healthcare: Where Does the Bipartisan Path Lead?" Among the speakers is BPC co-founder and former Senate Majority Leader **Tom Daschle**. **VERBATIM:** "While Republicans and Democrats disagree on solutions to improve quality, lower costs, and increase access to care in our health care system, they do agree that changes are needed. The Bipartisan Policy Center's Future of Health Care Initiative, a bipartisan group of leading experts in the field, will discuss the current state of polarization among policymakers, the prevailing views of each party's vision of a sustainable system, and will release a set of shared principles they believe can serve as a guide in identifying bipartisan solutions in health care reform." **WATCH:** <http://bit.ly/2uLuoo2>

MEDICAID: From Jeff Lagasse via *Healthcare Finance*, **VERBATIM:** "People with disabilities are much more likely to be employed in states that have expanded Medicaid coverage as part of the Affordable Care Act, new research from the University of Kansas has found. Similarly, the number of those who report not working because of a disability has greatly declined in expansion states. Neither trend happened in states that chose not to expand Medicaid. The findings come amidst continuing debates about the Affordable Care Act, healthcare in America and work requirements for Medicaid eligibility. They help illustrate the importance of coverage and independence, the authors said. Many states are considering adding work requirements for Medicaid eligibility after the Trump Administration promoted these ACA waivers. The requirement is expected to lower the number of Medicaid beneficiaries. The study suggests that Medicaid expansion has already resulted in a greater number of disabled beneficiaries being employed." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2NEIqA8>

VA: From Jordain Carney via *The Hill*, **VERBATIM:** "The Senate easily cleared President Trump's nominee to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on Monday. Senators voted 86-9 on Robert Wilkie's nomination to be the VA secretary . . . The nine 'no' votes make Wilkie the first VA secretary to have senators vote against their nomination since the post was elevated to a Cabinet-level position in 1989." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2NGLHgY>

LEGIONNAIRES': Via *Minnesota Department of Health*, **VERBATIM:** "The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is working with Freeborn County Public Health, the City of Albert Lea and other partners to investigate two cases of Legionnaires' disease in residents at the St. John's Fountain Lake facility in Albert Lea. The facility provides assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing care and independent living services. The first resident's symptoms began in early June, and the second resident's symptoms were

reported to MDH on Thursday. Both residents were hospitalized. MDH is working with St. John's Fountain Lake to identify possible sources of Legionella and has recommended that facility management work with a consultant to test and remediate those sources as needed." **READ:** <http://bit.ly/2LKtiWw>

MORE: Via *Mayo Clinic*, **VERBATIM:** "Legionnaires' disease is a severe form of pneumonia — lung inflammation usually caused by infection. Legionnaires' disease is caused by a bacterium known as legionella. You can't catch legionnaires' disease from person-to-person contact. Instead, most people get legionnaires' disease from inhaling the bacteria. Older adults, smokers and people with weakened immune systems are particularly susceptible to legionnaires' disease." **READ:** <https://mayocl.in/2LKzwiw>

TICKS: From Sheila Mulrooney Eldred via *The Washington Post*, **VERBATIM:** "It's a picture-perfect summer day in the woods of central Minnesota: 71 degrees, humidity around 73 percent, sunshine dappling the trees and glinting off glimpses of the Mississippi River. But as five scientists pull on white painter suits and start duct-taping the cuffs to their hiking boots, no one is certain if the conditions will be ideal enough to complete their task for the day: catching about 300 ticks, both adults and 150 nymphs. These **Minnesota Department of Health** (MDH) researchers are teaming up with scientists from the **Mayo Clinic** for this 'tick drag,' gathering samples to bring back to their labs to add to surveillance records and test for disease pathogens, both of which help determine the risk that black-legged ticks pose to people." **READ/PHOTO:** <https://wapo.st/2LJlftf>

AIDSDRUGS: From Marilyn Marchione via *Associated Press*, **VERBATIM:** "New research shows more promise for using AIDS treatment drugs as a prevention tool, to help keep uninfected people from catching HIV during sex with a partner who has the virus. There were no infections among gay men who used a two-drug combo pill either daily or just before and after sex with someone with HIV, one study found. In a second study, no uninfected men caught the virus if they had sex only with a partner whose HIV was well suppressed by medicines. Both studies were discussed Tuesday at the International AIDS conference in Amsterdam. The United States' top AIDS scientist, Dr. Anthony Fauci, called the results 'very impressive' and 'really striking.' About 36 million people worldwide have HIV and 1.8 million new infections occur each year, said Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases." **READ:** <https://abcn.ws/2NC3CW0>

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